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SUBJECT: RETURN OF FORMER ROK-CIA DIRECTOR YI HU-RAK

1. ROK PRESS HAS REPORTED SURPRISE RETURN OF FORMER ROK-CIA DIRECTOR YI HU-RAK EVENING OF FEBRUARY 27.
2. WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM PRIMIN, THROUGH HIS SECRETARY, THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND TO YI'S RETURN. ACCORDING PRIMIN'S SECRETARY

PRESIDENT PARK WAS FURIOUS UPON BEING INFORMED THAT YI WAS IN THE BAHAMAS AND CONSIDERING PERMANENT RESIDENCE THERE. PRESIDENT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT YI WOULD BE SECOND FORMER ROK-CIA DIRECTOR TO HAVE LEFT COUNTRY AND TAKEN UP RESIDENCE ABROAD. (KIM HYONG UK IN IN U.S.) AS CONSEQUENCE HE ORDERED THAT YI RETURN TO ROK.

3. ROK CIA STATION CHIEF IN LONDON, KIM TONG-KUN, WAS DISPATCHED TO THE BAHAMAS AND ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH YI CONVEYING PRESIDENT'S ORDER TO RETURN HOME. YI EXPRESSED
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NERVOUSNESS ABOUT HIS SAFETY BUT RECEIVED ASSURANCE THAT HE

WOULD NOT BE "CHARGED OR PERSECUTED" WHEN HE CAME BACK. YI THEN AGREED TO RETURN.

4. ACCORDING PRIMIN'S SECRETARY, YI WILL NOT BE GIVEN ANY POSITION AND PRESIDENT HAS DIRECTED THAT HE STAY "QUIETLY AT HOME." EMPHASIZED YI WAS NOT BEING REHABILITATED AND THAT PRESIDENT REMAINS FURIOUS OVER HIS DESERTION.

5. PRIMIN'S SECRETARY SAID THAT ANY QUESTION OF EVENTUAL FOREIGN TRAVEL BY YI WILL BE A MATTER TO BE DECIDED IN THE FUTURE. HE REITERATED SEVERAL TIMES PRIMIN'S VIEW THAT YI WILL NOT RESUME ANY POSITION OF POWER.
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